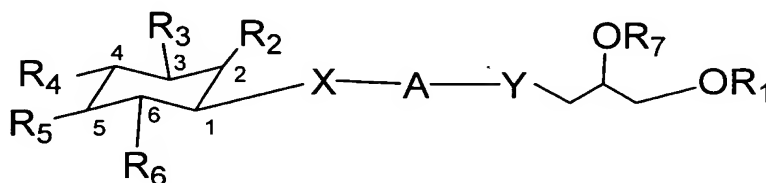


SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following:

[0021] The present invention provides a compound of the formula I:



(I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

wherein X and Y are independently selected from the group consisting of O, CF₂, CH₂, and CHF;

A is independently selected from the group consisting of P(O)OH, ~~CH₂COOH~~, and ~~CH(COOH)₂~~; CHCOOH, and C(COOH)₂;

R₂ is selected from the group consisting of H, OH, isosteres of OH, C₁-C₂₅ alkyloxy, C₆-C₁₀ aryloxy, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyloxy, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl C₁-C₆ alkoxy, C₂-C₂₂ alkenyloxy, C₃-C₈ cycloalkenyloxy, C₇-C₃₂ aralkyloxy, C₇-C₃₂ alkylaryloxy, C₉-C₃₂ aralkenyloxy, and C₉-C₃₂ alkenylaryloxy;

R₃-R₆ are independently selected from the group consisting of H, OH, isosteres of OH; and

R₁ and R₇ are independently selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₂₅ alkyl, C₆-C₁₀ aryl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, C₂-C₂₂ alkenyl, C₃-C₈ cycloalkenyl, C₇-C₃₂ aralkyl, C₇-C₃₂ alkylaryl, C₈-C₃₂ aralkenyl, and C₈-C₃₂ alkenylaryl;

with the provisos that (i) when X is O, Y is O or CH₂, and R₃ is H, at least one of R₂ and R₄-R₆ is not OH; (ii) when A is ~~CH₂COOH~~ or ~~CH(COOH)₂~~, CHCOOH or C(COOH)₂, X and Y cannot be simultaneously O; and (iii) all of R₂-R₆ are not simultaneously H.